

## **ABSTRACT**

Violence involving young people is a critical issue for the City of Minneapolis. From 2002-2011, homicide was the leading cause of death among Minneapolis residents age 15-24 years, accounting for 146 (39%) deaths. In 2011, firearm-related assault injury rates were 51% higher among juveniles and 60% higher among 18-24 year olds than a decade ago. In 2007, Minneapolis convened a Youth Violence Prevention (YVP) Executive Steering Committee in response to a rise in homicides and other violent crime involving youth. Community members and leaders in the areas of law enforcement, juvenile detention, public health, youth programs, education, social services, faith communities, and city and county government came together to develop the comprehensive plan to reduce youth violence in Minneapolis. Under the leadership of Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, the City of Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence was released in 2008. In 2012, Minneapolis was accepted as a National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention City and has updated and revised the Blueprint. The purpose of the Core Program Support and the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Framework Enhancement Project is to support implementation of the City of Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence. This Blueprint is a comprehensive strategic plan to prevent youth violence throughout the city by broadly supporting opportunities for all young people age 10-24 in Minneapolis, as well as providing additional supports and services for at-risk youth and youth engaged with the juvenile justice system. Core Program support is required for implementation of five critical Blueprint activities, and for a small percentage of two Health Department staff. First, support will be used for PBIS framework enhancement through training of Minneapolis Public Schools staff and Minneapolis Police Department School Resource Officers in trauma and restorative practices. Second, support is required for members of the

Youth Violence Prevention Multijurisdictional Operational Team to attend site visits to Forum cities for observation of model program implementation. Third, funding will support development and implementation of a community partnership plan to leverage community organizations and partners and ensure sustainability. Lastly, support will be used to develop and implement a communication and outreach plan that engages youth, their families, and the broader community. Process evaluation will be conducted in order to measure successful implementation of grant-related activities. Performance measures will be reported as required; however none of the process evaluation activities conducted by the grantee or the PBIS sub-awardee constitute research.